

Montgomery County  
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**Suggested Reading 2004**

Entering Grade 6

*Juvenile Fiction*

Avi. Crispin.

In 14<sup>th</sup> century England, Asta's son is wanted for murder and is on the run.

Brittain.\* **The Wish Giver.**

A strange man offers to grant wishes, and four people take him up on his offer.

Bunting.\* **Sharing Susan.**

12-year-old Susan finds out she was switched at birth, and her parents are not really her parents!

Byars.\* **The Dark Stairs.**

Another exciting Herculeah Jones mystery...will she crack the case involving her mother's mysterious client?

Clements.\* **A Week in the Woods.**

Can Mark save his teacher before it's too late?

Creech.\* **Bloomability.**

Dinnie's unexpected trip to Switzerland is filled with joy and hardships.

Dorris. **Sees Behind Trees.**

A Native American boy hears what others only see.

Ellis. **The Breadwinner: A Story of a Girl's Life under Taliban Rule.**

Risking imprisonment or worse, Parvana disguises herself as a boy to save her family.

Farmer.\* **A Girl Named Disaster.**

Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation on her long journey to Zimbabwe.

Gutman.\* **The Kid who Became President.**

A middle school kid wins the election and moves into the White House!

Haddix.\* **Among the Hidden.**

Enter a future world where parents must hide their children.

Hahn.\* **Daphne's Book.**

Seventh-grader Jessica is assigned to work with the class "weirdo."

Hesse.\* **Stowaway.**

Join the adventures of 11-year-old Nicholas who hides away on Captain Cook's ship.

Holt. **My Louisiana Sky.**

12-year-old Tiger Anne's parents are mentally challenged, and she must make a difficult choice about where to live.

Hurmen. **A Girl Called Boy.**

An African-American girl is magically transported back in time to the days of slavery!

Jennings. **The Beastly Arms.**

Nickel, an observant sort, discovers secrets in the musty, odorous Beastly Arms.

McGraw.\* **Mara, Daughter of the Nile.**

A slave girl becomes a spy in the royal palace in the days of Queen Hatshepsut's rule.

Morris. **Nightwalkers.**

James slips away at night to wander around Washington D.C. on the back of Daisy, an African elephant.

Naylor.\* **The Agony of Alice.**

Moving to a new neighborhood and making new friends is challenging!

Pearce. **Tom's Midnight Garden.**

Every night, when the clock strikes thirteen, Tom enters a mysterious garden and meets someone from the past.

Reiss. **Time Windows.**

13-year-old Miranda's dollhouse allows her to see into the past, and has an evil influence on the women living in her home.

Robinet.\* **Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues.**

Alfa and Zinnia race to find who is stealing Big Mama's money before they lose their home!

Rocklin. **For Your Eyes Only.**

When a substitute teacher in 6<sup>th</sup> grade requires daily journal writing, the lives of two students are changed forever.

Ryan. **Esperanza Rising.**

Escaping across the border from Mexico, Esperanza and her mother start over with nothing but their lives.

Shreve.\* **Trout and Me.**

Ben and Trout have more in common than ADD but can they keep out of trouble?

Tolan. **Surviving the Applewhites.**

A kooky, artistic family takes in a foster teen.

Vail. **Daring to be Abigail.**

During summer camp, 11-year-old Abby tries to reinvent herself.

Wolff. **Bat 6.**

In post World War II Oregon, a girl's softball game exposes bigotry against the Japanese.

Yep.\* **Serpent's Children.**

Her mother dead and her father gone, Cassia and her brother try to remain true to the ideals of the Serpent.

## *Nonfiction*

J006.6 Kalbag. **Computer Graphics and Animation.**

How you can do it, and how it's done on TV and in the movies.

J745.5 O'Sullivan. **Girls' World: Making Cool Stuff for Your Room, Your Friends, and You.**

Step-by-step instructions and colorful illustrations.

J793.8 Blackstone. **Everyday Magic.**

Baffle your friends and family!

J808.1 Janeczko. **How to Write Poetry.**

Try these tips from a real poet!

J822.33 Aliki. **William Shakespeare and the Globe.**

Spend some time exploring the Globe Theater and discover the real Shakespeare!

J895.61 Gollub. **Cool Melons-Turn to Frogs! The Life and Poems of Issa.**

Dance among the music of haiku poetry and the beauty of watercolor paintings.

J973.7115 Hansen. **Freedom Roads: Searching for the Underground Railroad.**

Travel the back roads, follow the markers, and trace the steps of the famous slavery escape route.

JB BONETTA. **At Her Majesty's Request: an African Princess in Victorian England.**

Sarah Forbes, rescued from certain death in Africa, becomes a favorite of the Queen of England!

JB FILIPOVIC. **Zlata's Diary.**

Read a young girl's diary as she lives through the Bosnian War.

JB NAKAHAMA. **Shipwrecked! The True Adventures of a Japanese Boy.**

Marooned for 6 months, 14-year-old Manjiro survives to become the first Japanese person to visit America.